

Rachael Hazelton

Rachael Hazelton, daughter of Elias Liverman Hazelton and Etta Bell Taylor was born December 13, 1904 in Hugo, NC and died in Smithfield, NC on December 17, 1993. She married Lyndon K. Jordan on March 12, 1928. She and Lyndon had 1 son. Lyndon died in 1955 and she married Arch J. Flanagan in 1960. Arch had 2 sons and 2 daughters and had lost his wife in 1958. Arch died in 1985 and she continued to live in Farmville until 1990 when she moved to Smithfield to be near her son, Lyn and her grandchildren who she visited daily.

Rachael was born in at Hugo Crossroads about halfway between Grifton and Hookerton, NC. Her family moved to Winterville in 1911 and she grew up in that farming community. She graduated from Winterville high school in 1922 and attended Carolina College, a small Junior College for girls at Maxton, NC. She completed college at East Carolina College in Greenville, NC graduating with a degree in education. She taught school for several years, married her first husband, Lyndon Jordan in 1928 and moved to Mount Olive, NC where he owned and operated a jewelry store. Her husband died in 1955 and she continued to operate the jewelry store until 1960 when she married Arch Flanagan and relocated "back" to Pitt County (Farmville). Her son, Lyndon K. Jordan, Jr. was a general practitioner in Smithfield, NC.

Rachael recalled that her father who had fought in the Civil War took her to Greenville, NC every year on May 10th for the Confederate reunion. She also recalled that one of her main jobs at home was to keep her father's spittoon cleaned, a job she thoroughly disliked and may have accounted for her aversion to the use of tobacco in any form. This was in spite of the fact that he chewed the finest tobacco available. She lived long enough to be one of 13 women living in North Carolina whose fathers had fought in the war.

Rachael was active in the Farmville Episcopal Church, the Farmville Literary Club, the Benjamin May Chapter of the DAR, The Daughters of the American Colonists, Colonial Dames of the XVII Century and the Pitt County Historical Society. She is proud of being a lifelong Democrat.

Rachael's passions were her family and her church where she was a Lay Reader among other things. She was a good teacher and an excellent businesswoman. In addition, she particularly enjoyed fishing and travel. She took great interest in her 3 grandsons, 2 of them being in medical school. She was quite interested in her family ties and frequently wrote and visited her nieces and other relatives as far away as Texas and entertained them when they came to visit her.

Rachael was an eternal optimist. She enjoyed living alone, drove her car anywhere she